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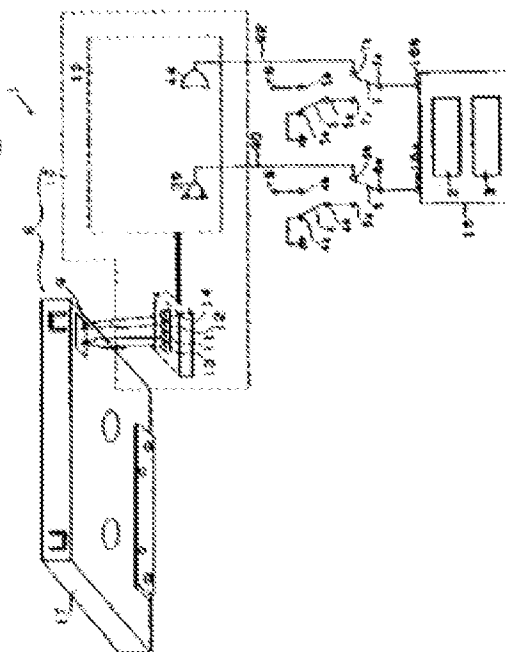
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PURPOSE: To eliminate the need for resetting a switch at the time of recording or reproducing by making automatically an operation means active or inactive under its individual mode for the operation means based on a detected color of a prescribed zone of a cassette half. CONSTITUTION: When a cassette tape of a cassette half 17 having the prescribed zone in red is loaded, red light is reflected from the prescribed zone of the cassette half 17, and an output of a photodiode 13 is large while an output of the same 14 is small. Consequently, outputs 90 and 92 of a color deciding circuit 15 become low in level to be given to a chip 16, and 'Dolby (R)' C is operated. When a cassette half 17 having its prescribed zone in green is loaded, the output of the diode 13 is small while the output of the same 14 is large. Consequently, the outputs of the circuit 15 become low in level, and the 'Dolby(R)' is turned off. When a cassette half 17 having its prescribed zone in black for instance is loaded, the outputs of the diodes 13 and 14 are zero, and the output 92 of the circuit 15 becomes high in level while the output 90 becomes low in level, and hence the 'Dolby(R)' B is operated.



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